(e) The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, during the Tenth five year plan has specifically, for the purpose of encouraging rural poultry development program which aims at benefiting mostly the small scale, landless/marginal farmers and women, launched a new scheme "Assistance to State Poultry Farms" in all the States of the country, on 100 percent basis to the North eastern States and on 80:20, Center to State share basis for other States. Besides, various other Departments/ Ministries like Department of Rural Development, Women and Child Development, NCDC and Tribal Welfare etc. are also extending assistance for poultry development programs, which also include assisting the small-scale farmers by making an effort for dovetailing their activities. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is also refinancing various poultry development projects.

Use of drugs in national games

*437. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that 22 athletes who had participated in the national Games held at Hyderabad in April, had tested positive for performance enhancing drugs; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to curb the trend?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Games were held in December, 2002, not in April, 2002.

(b) Although, it is primarily the responsibility of the Indian Olympic Association and the National Sports Federations to prevent the menace of drugs in sport, the Sport Authority of India (SAI) has taken a lead and made serious efforts to keep away sports persons from using any kind of prohibited substances. During the coaching camps, strict instructions have been issued to the coaches attached with the campers to educate and regularly counsel the players about banned drugs. Apart from this, the Sports medicine doctors at NS NIS, Patiala and other regional centre

conduct lectures, wherever, camps are being held to educate the players not to use any banned drugs. At the time of commencement of the camp, each player is provided with documents and brochures about banned substances. The list of banned drugs and placards for education of players are being put in the rooms of the campers. Rooms and belongings of the players are also searched and checked at regular periodicity to see that no banned drugs are used, besides testing the urine samples of sports persons during the coaching camps at random. Despite this, if a sports person is found positive for dope, he/she is removed from the camp/SAI schemes and action is also initiated against their coaches.

Further, a new scheme for Dope Test has been approved. The Government plans to upgrade the Dope Control Centre of Sports Authority of India. This centre has already got ISO 9001:2000 Certification in December, 2002 and is preparing to get ISO/17025 Certification.

Railway projects in Gujarat

*440. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing railway projects in Gujarat and the progress made till date;

(b) by when these projects are expected to be completed;

(c) the details of expenditure incurred thereon till date, project-wise;

(d) the funds required for completion of the pending projects indicating the amount of cost escalation, cost of each project from the date of sanction; and

(e) the steps being taken by Union Government for their expeditious completion?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The details of ongoing railway projects in Gujarat along with progress made till date, expenditure incurred, funds required for completion of these projects as on 01-04-2003, original cost at the time of inclusion of the work in the pink book, now anticipated cost and the target date of completion, wherever fixed, are as under :—